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# **ConnectX®-4 VPI Single and Dual Port QSFP28 Adapter Card User Manual**

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# About this Manual

This *User Manual* describes Mellanox Technologies ConnectX®-4 VPI Single and Dual QSFP28 port PCI Express x8 and x16 adapter cards. It provides details as to the interfaces of the board, specifications, required software and firmware for operating the board, and relevant documentation.

## Intended Audience

This manual is intended for the installer and user of these cards.

The manual assumes basic familiarity with InfiniBand and Ethernet network and architecture specifications.

## Related Documentation

**Table 2 - Documents List**

<i>Mellanox Firmware Tools (MFT) User Manual</i> Document no. 2204UG	User Manual describing the set of MFT firmware management tools for a single node. See <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> => Products => Software => Firmware Tools
<i>Mellanox Firmware Utility (mlxup) User Manual and Release Notes</i>	Mellanox firmware update and query utility used to update the firmware. See <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> => Products => Software => Firmware Tools => mlxup Firmware Utility
<i>Mellanox OFED for Linux User Manual</i> Document no. 2877	User Manual describing OFED features, performance, InfiniBand diagnostic, tools content and configuration. See <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> => Products => Software => InfiniBand/VPI drivers => Mellanox OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution for Linux (MLNX_OFED)
<i>Mellanox OFED for Linux Release Notes</i> Document no. 2877	Release Notes for Mellanox OFED for Linux driver kit for Mellanox adapter cards: See: <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> => Products => Software => InfiniBand/VPI Drivers => Linux SW/Drivers => Release Notes
<i>Mellanox VMware for OFED User Manual</i> Document no. MLNX-15-2877	User Manual describing the various components of the Mellanox OFED ESXi stack: See => <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> Products => Software => InfiniBand/VPI Drivers => VMware Driver => User Manual
<i>Mellanox VMware for OFED Release Notes</i> Document no.	Release notes for Mellanox InfiniBand OFED Driver for VMware vSphere 5.5: See => <a href="http://www.mellanox.com">http://www.mellanox.com</a> => Software => InfiniBand/VPI Drivers => VMware Driver=> Release Notes
<i>IBTA Specification Release 1.3</i>	InfiniBand Architecture Specification: <a href="http://www.infinibandta.org/content/pages.php?pg=technology_public_specification">http://www.infinibandta.org/content/pages.php?pg=technology_public_specification</a>
<i>IEEE Std 802.3 Specification</i>	This is the IEEE Ethernet specification <a href="http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802">http://standards.ieee.org/getieee802</a>

<i>PCI Express 3.0 Specifications</i>	Industry Standard PCI Express 3.0 Base and Card Electromechanical Specifications <a href="https://pcisig.com/specifications">https://pcisig.com/specifications</a>
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## Document Conventions

When discussing memory sizes, MB and MBytes are used in this document to mean size in mega Bytes. The use of Mb or Mbits (small b) indicates size in mega bits. In this document PCIe is used to mean PCI Express.

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# 1 Introduction

This is the User Guide for Mellanox Technologies VPI adapter cards based on the ConnectX®-4 integrated circuit device. These adapters connectivity provide the highest performing and most flexible interconnect solution for PCI Express Gen3 servers used in Enterprise Data Centers, High-Performance Computing, and Embedded environments.

This chapter covers the following topics:

- Section 1.1, “Product Overview,” on page 11
- Section 1.2, “Features and Benefits,” on page 13
- Section 1.3, “Operating Systems/Distributions,” on page 14
- Section 1.4, “Connectivity,” on page 15

## 1.1 Product Overview

The following section provides the ordering part number, port speed, number of ports, and PCI Express speed. Each adapter comes with two bracket heights - short and tall.

**Table 3 - Single and Dual-port FDR Adapter Cards**

<b>Ordering Part Number (OPN)</b>	MCX453A-FCAT/ MCX455A-FCAT – Single-port card MCX454A-FCAT/ MCX456A-FCAT – Dual-port card
<b>Data Transmission Rate</b>	InfiniBand: FDR (56 Gb/s) Ethernet: 40 Gb/s
<b>Network Connector Types</b>	Single or dual-port QSFP28
<b>PCI Express (PCIe) SerDes Speed</b>	<b>MCX453A-FCAT/MCX454A-FCAT:</b> PCIe 3.0 x8 8GT/s <b>MCX456A-FCAT/MCX455A-FCAT:</b> PCIe 3.0 x16 8GT/s
<b>RoHS</b>	R6
<b>Adapter IC Part Number</b>	MT27704A0-FDCF-FV MT27708A0-FDCF-FV
<b>Device ID</b>	4115 for Physical Function 4116 for Virtual Function

**Table 4 - Single and Dual-port EDR Adapter Cards**

<b>Ordering Part Number (OPN)</b>	MCX455A-ECAT – Single-port card MCX456A-ECAT – Dual-port card
<b>Data Transmission Rate</b>	InfiniBand: EDR 100 Gb/s Ethernet: 40/56/100 Gb/s
<b>Network Connector Types</b>	Single or Dual-port QSFP28
<b>PCI Express (PCIe) SerDes Speed</b>	PCIe 3.0 x16 8GT/s
<b>RoHS</b>	R6
<b>Adapter IC Part Number</b>	MT27704A0-FDCF-EV MT27708A0-FDCF-EV
<b>Device ID</b>	4115 for Physical Function 4116 for Virtual Function

## 1.2 Features and Benefits

**Table 5 - Features<sup>a</sup>**

<b>100Gb/s Virtual Protocol Interconnect (VPI) Adapter</b>	ConnectX-4 offers the highest throughput VPI adapter, supporting EDR 100Gb/s InfiniBand and 100Gb/s Ethernet and enabling any standard networking, clustering, or storage to operate seamlessly over any converged network leveraging a consolidated software stack.
<b>InfiniBand Architecture Specification v1.3 compliant</b>	ConnectX-4 delivers low latency, high bandwidth, and computing efficiency for performance-driven server and storage clustering applications. ConnectX-4 is InfiniBand Architecture Specification v1.3 compliant.
<b>PCI Express (PCIe)</b>	Uses PCIe Gen 3.0 (1.1 and 2.0 compatible) through an x8 or x16 edge connector up to 8GT/s
<b>Up to 100 Gigabit Ethernet</b>	Mellanox adapters comply with the following IEEE 802.3 standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 100GbE /56GbE / 50GbE /40GbE / 25GbE /10GbE</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3bj, 802.3bm 100 Gigabit Ethernet</li> <li>– 25G Ethernet Consortium25, 50 Gigabit Ethernet</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3ba 40 Gigabit Ethernet</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3by 25 Gigabit Ethernet</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3ae 10 Gigabit Ethernet</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3ap based auto-negotiation and KRstartup</li> <li>– Proprietary Ethernet protocols (20/40GBASE-R2, 50/56GBASE-R4)</li> <li>– IEEE 802.3ad, 802.1AX Link Aggregation</li> <li>– IEEE 802.1Q, 802.1P VLAN tags and priority</li> <li>– IEEE 802.1Qau (QCN) – Congestion Notification</li> <li>– IEEE 802.1Qaz (ETS)</li> <li>– IEEE 802.1Qbb (PFC)</li> <li>– IEEE 802.1Qbg</li> <li>– IEEE 1588v2</li> <li>– Jumbo frame support (9.6KB)</li> </ul>
<b>InfiniBand EDR</b>	A standard InfiniBand data rate, where each lane of a 4X port runs a bit rate of 25.78125Gb/s with a 64b/66b encoding, resulting in an effective bandwidth of 100Gb/s.
<b>InfiniBand FDR</b>	A standard InfiniBand data rate, where each lane of a 4X port runs a bit rate of 14.0625Gb/s with a 64b/66b encoding, resulting in an effective bandwidth of 54.54Gb/s.
<b>Memory</b>	PCI Express - stores and accesses InfiniBand and/or Ethernet fabric connection information and packet data SPI - includes one 16MB SPI Flash device (M25PX16-VMN6P device by ST Microelectronics) EEPROM - accessible through the I <sup>2</sup> C-compatible interface. The EEPROM capacity is 128Kb.

**Table 5 - Features<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Overlay Networks</b>	In order to better scale their networks, data center operators often create overlay networks that carry traffic from individual virtual machines over logical tunnels in encapsulated formats such as NVGRE and VXLAN. While this solves network scalability issues, it hides the TCP packet from the hardware offloading engines, placing higher loads on the host CPU. ConnectX-4 effectively addresses this by providing advanced NVGRE and VXLAN hardware offloading engines that encapsulate and de-capsulate the overlay protocol
<b>RDMA and RDMA over Converged Ethernet (RoCE)</b>	ConnectX-4, utilizing IBTA RDMA (Remote Data Memory Access) and RoCE (RDMA over Converged Ethernet) technology, delivers low-latency and high-performance over InfiniBand and Ethernet networks. Leveraging data center bridging (DCB) capabilities as well as ConnectX-4 advanced congestion control hardware mechanisms, RoCE provides efficient low-latency RDMA services over Layer 2 and Layer 3 networks.
<b>Mellanox PeerDirect™</b>	PeerDirect™ communication provides high efficiency RDMA access by eliminating unnecessary internal data copies between components on the PCIe bus (for example, from GPU to CPU), and therefore significantly reduces application run time. ConnectX-4 advanced acceleration technology enables higher cluster efficiency and scalability to tens of thousands of nodes.
<b>CPU offload</b>	Adapter functionality enabling reduced CPU overhead allowing more available CPU for computation tasks.
<b>Quality of Service (QoS)</b>	Support for port-based Quality of Service enabling various application requirements for latency and SLA
<b>Hardware-based I/O virtualization</b>	ConnectX-4 provides dedicated adapter resources and guaranteed isolation and protection for virtual machines within the server.
<b>Storage Acceleration</b>	A consolidated compute and storage network achieves significant cost-performance advantages over multi-fabric networks. Standard block and file access protocols can leverage InfiniBand RDMA for high-performance storage access.
<b>SR-IOV</b>	ConnectX-4 SR-IOV technology provides dedicated adapter resources and guaranteed isolation and protection for virtual machines (VM) within the server.

a. This section describes hardware features and capabilities. Please refer to the driver release notes for feature availability. See [Table 2, “Documents List,” on page 9](#).

## 1.3 Operating Systems/Distributions

- RHEL/CentOS
- Windows
- FreeBSD
- VMware
- OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution (OFED)

## 1.4 Connectivity

- Interoperable with InfiniBand or 10/25/40/50/100 Gb/s Ethernet switches
- Passive copper cable with ESD protection
- Powered connectors for optical and active cable support

## 2 Interfaces

Each adapter card includes the following interfaces:

- “InfiniBand Interface”
- “Ethernet QSFP28 Interface”
- “PCI Express Interface”
- “I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible Interface”
- “LED Interface”

The adapter cards include special circuits to protect from ESD shocks to the card/server when plugging copper cables.

### 2.1 InfiniBand Interface

The network ports of the ConnectX®-4 adapter cards are compliant with the *InfiniBand Architecture Specification, Release 1.3*. InfiniBand traffic is transmitted through the cards' QSFP28 connectors.

### 2.2 Ethernet QSFP28 Interface

The network ports of the ConnectX®-4 adapter card are compliant with the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standards listed in [Table 5, “Features,” on page 13](#). Ethernet traffic is transmitted through the cards' QSFP28 connectors.

### 2.3 PCI Express Interface

The ConnectX®-4 adapter card supports PCI Express 3.0 (1.1 and 2.0 compatible) through an x8/x16 edge connector. The device can be either a master initiating the PCI Express bus operations, or a slave responding to PCI bus operations. The following lists PCIe interface features:

- PCIe Gen 3.0 compliant, 1.1 and 2.0 compatible
- 2.5, 5.0, or 8.0 GT/s link rate x8/x16
- Auto-negotiates to x16, x8, x4, x2, or x1
- Support for MSI/MSI-X mechanisms

### 2.4 I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible Interface

A three-pin header on the adapter cards is provided as the I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible interface. See [Board Mechanical Drawing and Dimensions on page 48](#) for the location on the board.

### 2.5 LED Interface

There is a one bi-color I/O LED per port. For LED specifications, please refer to [Section 7.8, “Adapter LED Operation,” on page 48](#).

## 3 Hardware Installation

### 3.1 System Requirements

#### 3.1.1 Hardware

A system with a PCI Express x16 or x8 slot is required for installing the card.

#### 3.1.2 Operating Systems/Distributions

Please refer to [Section 1.3, “Operating Systems/Distributions,” on page 14](#).

#### 3.1.3 Software Stacks

Mellanox OpenFabric software package MLNX\_OFED for Linux and VMware. See [Chapter 4, “Driver Installation” on page 22](#).

### 3.2 Safety Precautions



The adapter is being installed in a system that operates with voltages that can be lethal. Before opening the case of the system, observe the following precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to system components.

1. Remove any metallic objects from your hands and wrists.
2. Make sure to use only insulated tools.
3. Verify that the system is powered off and is unplugged.
4. It is strongly recommended to use an ESD strap or other antistatic devices.

### 3.3 Pre-installation Checklist

1. Verify that your system meets the hardware and software requirements stated above.
2. Shut down your system if active.
3. After shutting down the system, turn off power and unplug the cord.
4. Remove the card from its package. Please note that the card must be placed on an antistatic surface.
5. Check the card for visible signs of damage. Do not attempt to install the card if damaged.

### 3.4 Bracket Installation Instructions

The card is usually shipped with a tall bracket installed. If this form factor is suitable for your requirements, you can skip the remainder of this section and move to [Section 3.5, “Card Installation Instructions,” on page 18](#). If you need to replace it with the short bracket that is included in the shipping box, please follow the instructions in this section.



Due to risk of damaging the EMI gasket, it is not recommended to replace the bracket more than three times.

To replace the bracket you will need the following parts:

- The new bracket of the proper height
- The 2 screws saved from the removal of the bracket
- The 2 fiber washers saved from the removal of the bracket

### 3.4.1 Removing the Existing Bracket

1. Remove the two screws holding the bracket in place. The bracket comes loose from the card.



Be careful not to put stress on the LEDs.

2. Save the two screws and the two fiber washers.

### 3.4.2 Installing the New Bracket

1. Place the bracket onto the card until the screw holes line up.



Do not force the bracket onto the card. You may have to gently push the LEDs using a small screwdriver to align the LEDs with the holes in the bracket.

2. Screw on the bracket using the screws and washers saved from the bracket removal procedure above.
3. Make sure that the LEDs are aligned onto the bracket holes.
4. Use a torque driver to apply up to 2 lbs-in torque on the screws.

## 3.5 Card Installation Instructions

1. Before installing the card, make sure that the system is off and the power cord is not connected to the server. Please follow proper electrical grounding procedures.
2. Open the system case.
3. Place the adapter in an available PCI Express slot.



A lesser width adapter can be seated into a greater width slot (x8 in a x16), but a greater width adapter cannot be seated into a lesser width slot (x16 in a x8). Align the adapter connector edge with the PCI Express connector slot.

4. Applying even pressure at both corners of the card, insert the adapter card into the slot until it is firmly seated. When the adapter is properly seated, the adapter port connectors are aligned with the slot opening, and the adapter faceplate is visible against the system chassis.



Do not use excessive force when seating the card, as this may damage the system or the adapter.

5. Secure the adapter with the adapter clip or screw.
6. Close the system case.

## 3.6 Cables and Modules

To obtain the list of supported cables for your adapter, please refer to [www.mellanox.com](http://www.mellanox.com) => Products => Cables and Transceivers.

### 3.6.1 Cable Installation

1. All cables can be inserted or removed with the unit powered on.
2. To insert a cable, press the connector into the port receptacle until the connector is firmly seated.
  - a. Support the weight of the cable before connecting the cable to the adapter card. Do this by using a cable holder or tying the cable to the rack.
  - b. Determine the correct orientation of the connector to the card before inserting the connector. Do not try and insert the connector upside down. This may damage the adapter card.
  - c. Insert the connector into the adapter card. Be careful to insert the connector straight into the cage. Do not apply any torque, up or down, to the connector cage in the adapter card.
  - d. Make sure that the connector locks in place.



When installing cables make sure that the latches engage.



Always install and remove cables by pushing or pulling the cable and connector in a straight line with the card.

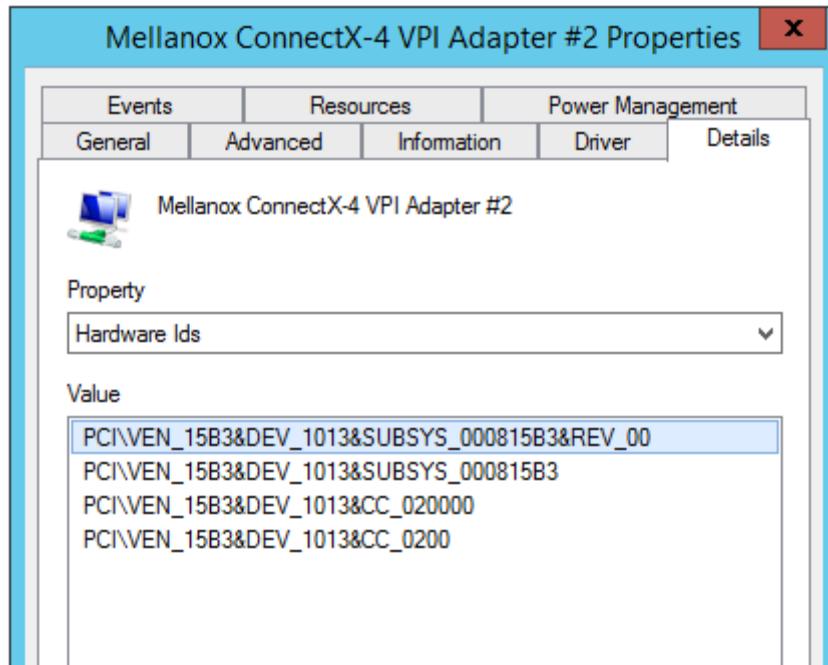
3. After inserting a cable into a port, the Yellow LED indicator will light when the physical connection is established (that is, when the unit is powered on and a cable is plugged into the port with the other end of the connector plugged into a functioning port). See [Section 7.8, “Adapter LED Operation,” on page 48](#).
4. After plugging in a cable, lock the connector using the latching mechanism particular to the cable vendor. When a logical connection is made the Green LED will light. When data is being transferred the Green LED will blink. See [Section 7.8, “Adapter LED Operation,” on page 48](#).
5. Care should be taken as not to impede the air exhaust flow through the ventilation holes. Use cable lengths which allow for routing horizontally around to the side of the chassis before bending upward or downward in the rack.
6. To remove a cable, disengage the locks and slowly pull the connector away from the port receptacle. LED indicator will turn off when the cable is unseated.

## 3.7 Identify the Card in Your System

### 3.7.1 On Windows

1. Open Device Manager on the server. Click start => Run, and then enter “devmgmt.msc”.
2. Expand System Devices and locate your Mellanox ConnectX-4 adapter card.
3. Right click the mouse on your adapter's row and select properties to display the adapter card properties window.
4. Click the Details tab and select **Hardware Ids** (Windows 2012/R2) from the Properties pull-down menu.

**Figure 1: PCI Device**



5. In the Value display box, check the fields VEN and DEV (fields are separated by '&'). In the display example above, notice the sub-string “PCI\VEN\_15B3&DEV\_1003”: VEN is equal to 0x15B3 – this is the Vendor ID of Mellanox Technologies; and DEV is equal to 1003 – this is a valid Mellanox Technologies PCI Device ID.



If the PCI device does not have a Mellanox adapter ID, return to Step 2 to check another device.



The list of Mellanox Technologies PCI Device IDs can be found in the PCI ID repository at <http://pci-ids.ucw.cz/read/PC/15b3>.

### 3.7.2 On Linux

Get the device location on the PCI bus by running `lspci` and locating lines with the string “Mellanox Technologies”:

```
> lspci |grep -i Mellanox
Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT4115 Family [ConnectX-4]
```

## 4 Driver Installation

### 4.1 Linux Driver

For Linux, download and install the latest OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution (OFED) software package available via the Mellanox web site at: <http://www.mellanox.com> => Products => Software => InfiniBand/VPI Drivers => Download. This chapter describes how to install and test the Mellanox OFED for Linux package on a single host machine with Mellanox ConnectX-4 adapter hardware installed

#### 4.1.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

**Table 6 - Software and Hardware Requirements**

Requirements	Description
Platforms	A server platform with an adapter card based on one of the following Mellanox Technologies' InfiniBand HCA devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MT4115 ConnectX®-4 (VPI, IB, EN) (firmware: fw-ConnectX4)</li> </ul> For the list of supported architecture platforms, please refer to the Mellanox OFED Release Notes file.
Required Disk Space for Installation	1GB
Device ID	For the latest list of device IDs, please visit Mellanox website.
Operating System	Linux operating system. For the list of supported operating system distributions and kernels, please refer to the Mellanox OFED Release Notes file.
Installer Privileges	The installation requires administrator privileges on the target machine.

#### 4.1.2 Downloading Mellanox OFED

**Step 1.** Verify that the system has a Mellanox network adapter (HCA/NIC) installed.

The following example shows a system with an installed Mellanox HCA:

```
# lspci -v | grep Mellanox
06:00.0 Network controller: Mellanox Technologies MT4115 Family [ConnectX-4]
Subsystem: Mellanox Technologies Device 0024
```

**Step 2.** Download the ISO image to your host.

The image's name has the format `MLNX_OFED_LINUX-<ver>-<OS label><CPU arch>.iso`. You can download it from <http://www.mellanox.com> => Products => Software => InfiniBand Drivers.

**Step 3.** Use the `md5sum` utility to confirm the file integrity of your ISO image. Run the following command and compare the result to the value provided on the download page.

```
host1$ md5sum MLNX_OFED_LINUX-<ver>-<OS label>.iso
```

### 4.1.3 Installing Mellanox OFED

The installation script, `mlnxofedinstall`, performs the following:

- Discovers the currently installed kernel
- Uninstalls any software stacks that are part of the standard operating system distribution or another vendor's commercial stack
- Installs the MLNX\_OFED\_LINUX binary RPMs (if they are available for the current kernel)
- Identifies the currently installed InfiniBand and network adapters and automatically<sup>1</sup> upgrades the firmware

#### Usage

```
./mnt/mlnxofedinstall [OPTIONS]
```

The installation script removes all previously installed Mellanox OFED packages and re-installs from scratch. You will be prompted to acknowledge the deletion of the old packages.



Pre-existing configuration files will be saved with the extension “.conf.rpmsave”.

- If you need to install Mellanox OFED on an entire (homogeneous) cluster, a common strategy is to mount the ISO image on one of the cluster nodes and then copy it to a shared file system such as NFS. To install on all the cluster nodes, use cluster-aware tools (such as pdsh).
- If your kernel version does not match with any of the offered pre-built RPMs, you can add your kernel version by using the “`mlnx_add_kernel_support.sh`” script located under the `docs/` directory.



On Redhat and SLES distributions with errata kernel installed there is no need to use the `mlnx_add_kernel_support.sh` script. The regular installation can be performed and weak-updates mechanism will create symbolic links to the MLNX\_OFED kernel modules.

The “`mlnx_add_kernel_support.sh`” script can be executed directly from the `mlnxofedinstall` script. For further information, please see ‘`--add-kernel-support`’ option below.



On Ubuntu and Debian distributions drivers installation use Dynamic Kernel Module Support (DKMS) framework. Thus, the drivers' compilation will take place on the host during MLNX\_OFED installation.

Therefore, using “`mlnx_add_kernel_support.sh`” is irrelevant on Ubuntu and Debian distributions.

1. The firmware will not be updated if you run the install script with the ‘`--without-fw-update`’ option.

### Example

The following command will create a MLNX\_OFED\_LINUX ISO image for RedHat 6.3 under the /tmp directory.

```
# ./MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x-x-rhel6.3-x86_64/mlnx_add_kernel_support.sh -m /tmp/MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x-x-rhel6.3-x86_64/ --make-tgz
Note: This program will create MLNX_OFED_LINUX TGZ for rhel6.3 under /tmp directory.
All Mellanox, OEM, OFED, or Distribution IB packages will be removed.
Do you want to continue? [y/N] :y
See log file /tmp/mlnx_ofed_iso.21642.log

Building OFED RPMs. Please wait...
Removing OFED RPMs...
Created /tmp/MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x-x-rhel6.3-x86_64-ext.tgz
```

- The script adds the following lines to /etc/security/limits.conf for the userspace components such as MPI:
  - \* soft memlock unlimited
  - \* hard memlock unlimited
    - These settings set the amount of memory that can be pinned by a user space application to unlimited. If desired, tune the value unlimited to a specific amount of RAM.

For your machine to be part of the InfiniBand/VPI fabric, a Subnet Manager must be running on one of the fabric nodes. At this point, Mellanox OFED for Linux has already installed the OpenSM Subnet Manager on your machine.

#### 4.1.3.1 Installation Procedure

- Step 1. Login to the installation machine as root.
- Step 2. Mount the ISO image on your machine.

```
host1# mount -o ro,loop MLNX_OFED_LINUX-<ver>-<OS label>-<CPU arch>.iso /mnt
```

- Step 3. Run the installation script.

```
./mnt/mlnxofedinstall
Logs dir: /tmp/MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x-x.logs
This program will install the MLNX_OFED_LINUX package on your machine.
Note that all other Mellanox, OEM, OFED, or Distribution IB packages will be removed.
Uninstalling the previous version of MLNX_OFED_LINUX

Starting MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x.x installation ...
.....
.....
Installation finished successfully.

Attempting to perform Firmware update...
Querying Mellanox devices firmware ...
```



In case your machine has an unsupported network adapter device, no firmware update will occur and the error message below will be printed. Please contact your hardware vendor for help on firmware updates.

Error message:

```
Device #1:  
-----  
Device: 0000:05:00.0  
Part Number:  
Description:  
PSID: MT_0DB0110010  
Versions: Current Available  
FW 2.9.1000 N/A  
Status: No matching image found
```

**Step 4.** Reboot the machine **if** the installation script performed firmware updates to your network adapter hardware. Otherwise, restart the driver by running: "/etc/init.d/openibd restart"

**Step 5.** (InfiniBand only) Run the `hca_self_test.ofed` utility to verify whether or not the InfiniBand link is up. The utility also checks for and displays additional information such as:

- HCA firmware version
- Kernel architecture
- Driver version
- Number of active HCA ports along with their states
- Node GUID

For more details on `hca_self_test.ofed`, see the file `hca_self_test.readme` under `docs/`.

After the installer completes, information about the Mellanox OFED installation such as prefix, kernel version, and installation parameters can be retrieved by running the command `/etc/infiniband/info`.

Most of the Mellanox OFED components can be configured or reconfigured after the installation by modifying the relevant configuration files. See the relevant chapters in this manual for details.

The list of the modules that will be loaded automatically upon boot can be found in the `/etc/infiniband/openib.conf` file.

#### 4.1.3.2 Installation Results

Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of MLNX_OFED packages are installed under the “/usr” directory except for the following packages which are installed under the “/opt” directory:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>openshmem, bupc, fca and ibutils</li> </ul> </li> <li>The kernel modules are installed under           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>/lib/modules/`uname -r`/updates on SLES and Fedora Distributions</li> <li>/lib/modules/`uname -r`/extra/mlnx-ofa_kernel on RHEL and other RedHat like Distributions</li> <li>/lib/modules/`uname -r`/updates/dkms/ on Ubuntu</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Firmware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The firmware of existing network adapter devices will be updated if the following two conditions are fulfilled:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The installation script is run in default mode; that is, without the option ‘--without-fw-update’</li> <li>The firmware version of the adapter device is older than the firmware version included with the Mellanox OFED ISO image                <b>Note:</b> If an adapter’s Flash was originally programmed with an Expansion ROM image, the automatic firmware update will also burn an Expansion ROM image.             </li> </ul> </li> <li>In case your machine has an unsupported network adapter device, no firmware update will occur and the error message below will be printed.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-I- Querying device ...</li> <li>-E- Can’t auto detect fw configuration file: ...</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Please contact your hardware vendor for help on firmware updates.</p>

#### 4.1.3.3 Installation Logging

While installing MLNX\_OFED, the install log for each selected package will be saved in a separate log file.

The path to the directory containing the log files will be displayed after running the installation script in the following format: "Logs dir: /tmp/MLNX\_OFED\_LINUX-<version>.<PID>.logs".

Example:

```
Logs dir: /tmp/MLNX_OFED_LINUX-x.x-x.logs
```

#### 4.1.3.4 openibd Script

As of MLNX\_OFED v2.2-1.0.0 the openibd script supports pre/post start/stop scripts:

This can be controlled by setting the variables below in the /etc/infiniband/openibd.conf file.

```
OPENIBD_PRE_START
OPENIBD_POST_START
OPENIBD_PRE_STOP
OPENIBD_POST_STOP
```

Example:

```
OPENIBD_POST_START=/sbin/openibd_post_start.sh
```

#### 4.1.3.5 Driver Load Upon System Boot

Upon system boot, the Mellanox drivers will be loaded automatically.

➤ ***To prevent automatic load of the Mellanox drivers upon system boot:***

**Step 1.** Add the following lines to the "/etc/modprobe.d/mlnx.conf" file.

```
blacklist mlx4_core
blacklist mlx4_en
blacklist mlx5_core
blacklist mlx5_ib
```

**Step 2.** Set "ONBOOT=no" in the "/etc/infiniband/openib.conf" file.

#### 4.1.3.6 mlnxofedinstall Return Codes

Table 7 lists the mlnxofedinstall script return codes and their meanings.

**Table 7 - mlnxofedinstall Return Codes**

Return Code	Meaning
0	The Installation ended successfully
1	The installation failed
2	No firmware was found for the adapter device
22	Invalid parameter
28	Not enough free space
171	Not applicable to this system configuration. This can occur when the required hardware is not present on the system.
172	Prerequisites are not met. For example, missing the required software installed or the hardware is not configured correctly.
173	Failed to start the mst driver

#### 4.1.4 Port Type Management

ConnectX®-4 ports can be individually configured to work as InfiniBand or Ethernet ports. By default both ConnectX ports are initialized as InfiniBand ports. If you wish to change the port type, use the mlxconfig script after the driver is loaded.

For further information on how to set the port type in ConnectX®-4, please refer to the MFT User Manual ([www.mellanox.com](http://www.mellanox.com) -> Products --> Software --> InfiniBand/VPI Software --> Linux SW/Drivers).

#### 4.1.5 Uninstalling Mellanox OFED

Use the script /usr/sbin/ofed\_uninstall.sh to uninstall the Mellanox OFED package. The script is part of the ofed-scripts RPM.

#### 4.1.6 Installing MLNX\_OFED using YUM

This type of installation is applicable to RedHat/OEL, Fedora, XenServer Operating Systems.

#### 4.1.6.1 Setting up MLNX\_OFED YUM Repository

**Step 1.** Log into the installation machine as root.

**Step 2.** Mount the ISO image on your machine.

```
# mount -o ro,loop MLNX_OFED_LINUX--<OS label>-<CPU arch>.iso /mnt
```

You can download it from <http://www.mellanox.com> > Products > Software > Ethernet-Drivers.

**Step 3.** Download and install Mellanox Technologies GPG-KEY:

The key can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://www.mellanox.com/downloads/ofed/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox>

```
# wget http://www.mellanox.com/downloads/ofed/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox
--2014-04-20 13:52:30-- http://www.mellanox.com/downloads/ofed/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox
Resolving www.mellanox.com... 72.3.194.0
Connecting to www.mellanox.com|72.3.194.0|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1354 (1.3K) [text/plain]
Saving to: ?RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox?

100%[=====] 1,354      --.-K/s   in 0s

2014-04-20 13:52:30 (247 MB/s) - ?RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox? saved [1354/1354]
```

**Step 4.** Install the key.

```
# sudo rpm --import RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox
warning: rpmvts_HdrFromFdno: Header V3 DSA/SHA1 Signature, key ID 6224c050: NOKEY
Retrieving key from file:///repos/MLNX_OFED/<MLNX_OFED file>/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox
Importing GPG key 0x6224C050:
  Userid: "Mellanox Technologies (Mellanox Technologies - Signing Key v2) <support@mellanox.com>"
  From : /repos/MLNX_OFED/<MLNX_OFED file>/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox
Is this ok [y/N] :
```

**Step 5.** Check that the key was successfully imported.

```
# rpm -q gpg-pubkey --qf '%{NAME}-%{VERSION}-%{RELEASE}\t%{SUMMARY}\n' | grep Mellanox
gpg-pubkey-a9e4b643-520791ba  gpg(Mellanox Technologies <support@mellanox.com>)
```

**Step 6.** Install the createrepo.rpm package.

```
# yum install createrepo
```

**Step 7.** MLNX\_OFED YUM repository using the "mlnx\_create\_yum\_repo.sh" script located in the downloaded MLNX\_OFED package.

```
# ./mlnx_create_yum_repo.sh --mlnx_ofed /mnt --target /repos
Creating MLNX_OFED_LINUX YUM Repository under /repos...
See log file /tmp/mlnx_yum.24250.log
comps file was not provided, going to build it...
Copying RPMS...
Building YUM Repository...
Creating YUM Repository settings file at: /tmp/mlnx_ofed.repo
Done.
Copy /tmp/mlnx_ofed.repo to /etc/yum.repos.d/ to use MLNX_OFED YUM Repository.
```

**Step 8.** Copy the created YUM repository configuration file to `/etc/yum.repos.d/`.

```
# cp /tmp/mlnx_ofed.repo /etc/yum.repos.d/
```

**Step 9.** Check that the repository was successfully added.

```
# yum repolist
Loaded plugins: product-id, security, subscription-manager
This system is not registered to Red Hat Subscription Management. You can use subscription-manager to register.
repo id          repo name                  status
mlnx_ofed       MLNX_OFED Repository        108
rpmforge        RHEL 6Server - RPMforge.net - dag 4,597

repolist: 8,351
```

#### 4.1.6.2 Installing MLNX\_OFED using the YUM Tool

After setting up the YUM repository for MLNX\_OFED package, perform the following:

**Step 1.** View the available package groups by invoking:

```
# yum grouplist | grep MLNX_OFED
  MLNX_OFED ALL
  MLNX_OFED BASIC
  MLNX_OFED GUEST
  MLNX_OFED HYPERSIMOR
  MLNX_OFED VMA
  MLNX_OFED VMA-ETH
  MLNX_OFED VMA-VPI
```

Where:

MLNX_OFED ALL	Installs all available packages in MLNX_OFED.
MLNX_OFED BASIC	Installs basic packages required for running Mellanox cards.
MLNX_OFED GUEST	Installs packages required by guest OS.
MLNX_OFED HYPERVISOR	Installs packages required by hypervisor OS.
MLNX_OFED VMA	Installs packages required by VMA.
MLNX_OFED VMA-ETH	Installs packages required by VMA to work over Ethernet.
MLNX_OFED VMA-VPI	Installs packages required by VMA to support VPI.

## Step 2. Install the desired group.

```
# yum groupinstall 'MLNX_OFED ALL'
Loaded plugins: product-id, security, subscription-manager
This system is not registered to Red Hat Subscription Management. You can use subscription-manager to register.
Setting up Group Process
Resolving Dependencies
--> Running transaction check
--> Package ar_mgr.x86_64 0:1.0-0.11.g22ffff4a will be installed
.
.
.
rds-devel.x86_64 0:2.0.6mlnx-1
rds-tools.x86_64 0:2.0.6mlnx-1
srptools.x86_64 0:0.0.4mlnx3-OFED.2.0.2.6.7.11.ge863cb7
Complete!
```

Installing MLNX\_OFED using the YUM tool does not automatically update the firmware.

To update the firmware to the version included in MLNX\_OFED package, you can either:

- Run the `mlnxofedinstall` script with the `--fw-update-only` flag  
or
- Update the firmware to the latest version available on Mellanox Technologies' Web site as described in [Chapter 5,“Updating Adapter Card Firmware” on page 37](#).

#### 4.1.6.3 Uninstalling Mellanox OFED using the YUM Tool

If MLNX\_OFED was installed using the yum tool, then it can be uninstalled as follow:

```
 yum groupremove '<group name>'a
```

- a. The `<group name>` must be the same group name that was previously used to install MLNX\_OFED.

#### 4.1.7 Installing MLNX\_OFED using apt-get

This type of installation is applicable to Debian and Ubuntu Operating Systems.

##### 4.1.7.1 Setting up MLNX\_OFED apt-get Repository

**Step 1.** Log into the installation machine as root.

**Step 2.** Extract the MLNX\_OFED package on a shared location in your network.

You can download it from <http://www.mellanox.com > Products > Software > InfiniBand-Drivers>.

**Step 3.** Create an apt-get repository configuration file called `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/mlnx-ofed.list` with the following content:

```
 deb file:/<path to extracted MLNX_OFED package> ./
```

**Step 4.** Download and install Mellanox Technologies GPG-KEY.

```
 # wget -qO - http://www.mellanox.com/downloads/ofed/RPM-GPG-KEY-Mellanox | sudo apt-key add -
```

**Step 5.** Check that the key was successfully imported.

```
 # apt-key list
 pub 1024D/A9E4B643 2013-08-11
 uid Mellanox Technologies <support@mellanox.com>
 sub 1024g/09FCC269 2013-08-11
```

**Step 6.** Update the apt-get cache.

```
 # sudo apt-get update
```

##### 4.1.7.2 Installing MLNX\_OFED using the apt-get Tool

After setting up the apt-get repository for MLNX\_OFED package, perform the following:

**Step 1.** View the available package groups by invoking:

```
# apt-cache search mlnx-ofed-
  mlnx-ofed-all
  mlnx-ofed-basic
  mlnx-ofed-vma
  mlnx-ofed-vma-eth
  mlnx-ofed-vma-vpi
```

Where:

mlnx-ofed-all	MLNX_OFED all installer package.
mlnx-ofed-basic	MLNX_OFED basic installer package.
mlnx-ofed-vma	MLNX_OFED vma installer package.
mlnx-ofed-vma-eth	MLNX_OFED vma-eth installer package.
mlnx-ofed-vma-vpi	MLNX_OFED vma-vpi installer package.

**Step 2.** Install the desired group.

```
apt-get install '<group name>'
```

Example:

```
apt-get install mlnx-ofed-all
```

#### 4.1.7.3 Uninstalling Mellanox OFED using the apt-get Tool

Use the script /usr/sbin/ofed\_uninstall.sh to uninstall the Mellanox OFED package. The script is part of the ofed-scripts RPM.

### 4.1.8 Updating Firmware After Installation

The firmware can be updated in one of the following methods.

#### 4.1.8.1 Updating the Device Online

To update the device online on the machine from Mellanox site, use the following command line:

```
mlxfwmanager --online -u -d <device>
```

**Example:**

```
mlxfwmanager --online -u -d 0000:09:00.0
Querying Mellanox devices firmware ...

Device #1:
-----
Device Type: ConnectX3
Part Number: MCX354A-FCA_A2-A4
Description: ConnectX-3 VPI adapter card; dual-port QSFP; FDR IB (56Gb/s) and
40GigE; PCIe3.0 x8 8GT/s; RoHS R6
PSID: MT_1020120019
PCI Device Name: 0000:09:00.0
Port1 GUID: 0002c9000100d051
Port2 MAC: 0002c9000002
Versions: Current Available
FW 2.32.5000 2.33.5000

Status: Update required
-----
Found 1 device(s) requiring firmware update. Please use -u flag to perform the update.
```

**4.1.8.2 Updating the Device Manually**

In case you ran the `mlnxofedinstall` script with the ‘`--without-fw-update`’ option or you are using an OEM card and now you wish to (manually) update firmware on your adapter card(s), you need to perform the steps below. The following steps are also appropriate in case you wish to burn newer firmware that you have downloaded from Mellanox Technologies’ Web site (<http://www.mellanox.com > Support > Firmware Download>).

**Step 1.** Get the device’s PSID.

```
mlxfwmanager_pci | grep PSID
PSID: MT_1210110019
```

**Step 2.** Download the firmware BIN file from the Mellanox website or the OEM website.**Step 3.** Burn the firmware.

```
mlxfwmanager_pci -i <fw_file.bin>
```

**Step 4.** Reboot your machine after the firmware burning is completed.**4.1.9 UEFI Secure Boot**

All kernel modules included in MLNX\_OFED for RHEL7 and SLES12 are signed with x.509 key to support loading the modules when Secure Boot is enabled.

**4.1.9.1 Enrolling Mellanox's x.509 Public Key On your Systems**

In order to support loading MLNX\_OFED drivers when an OS supporting Secure Boot boots on a UEFI-based system with Secure Boot enabled, the Mellanox x.509 public key should be added to the UEFI Secure Boot key database and loaded onto the system key ring by the kernel.

Follow these steps below to add the Mellanox's x.509 public key to your system:



Prior to adding the Mellanox's x.509 public key to your system, please make sure:

- the 'mokutil' package is installed on your system
- the system is booted in UEFI mode

**Step 1.** Download the x.509 public key.

```
# wget http://www.mellanox.com/downloads/ofed/mlnx_signing_key_pub.der
```

**Step 2.** Add the public key to the MOK list using the mokutil utility.

You will be asked to enter and confirm a password for this MOK enrollment request.

```
# mokutil --import mlnx_signing_key_pub.der
```

**Step 3.** Reboot the system.

The pending MOK key enrollment request will be noticed by `shim.efd` and it will launch `Mok-Manager.efd` to allow you to complete the enrollment from the UEFI console. You will need to enter the password you previously associated with this request and confirm the enrollment. Once done, the public key is added to the MOK list, which is persistent. Once a key is in the MOK list, it will be automatically propagated to the system key ring and subsequent will be booted when the UEFI Secure Boot is enabled.



To see what keys have been added to the system key ring on the current boot, install the 'keyutils' package and run: `#keyctl list %:system_keyring`

#### 4.1.9.2 Removing Signature from kernel Modules

The signature can be removed from a signed kernel module using the 'strip' utility which is provided by the 'binutils' package.

```
# strip -g my_module.ko
```

The strip utility will change the given file without saving a backup. The operation can be undo only by resigning the kernel module. Hence, we recommend backing up a copy prior to removing the signature.

➤ **To remove the signature from the MLNX\_OFED kernel modules:**

**Step 1.** Remove the signature.

```
# rpm -qa | grep -E "kernel-ib|mlnx-ofa_kernel|iser|srp|knem" | xargs rpm -q1 | grep "\.ko\$" | xargs strip -g
```

After the signature has been removed, a message as the below will no longer be presented upon module loading:

```
"Request for unknown module key 'Mellanox Technologies signing key:  
61feb074fc7292f958419386ffdd9d5ca999e403' err -11"
```

However, please note that a similar message as the following will still be presented:

```
"my_module: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel"
```

This message is presented once, only for each boot for the first module that either has no signature or whose key is not in the kernel key ring. So it's much easier to miss this mes-

sage. You won't see it on repeated tests where you unload and reload a kernel module until you reboot. There is no way to eliminate this message.

**Step 2.** Update the initramfs on RHEL systems with the stripped modules.

```
mkinitrd /boot/initramfs-$(uname -r).img $(uname -r) --force
```

#### 4.1.10 Performance Tuning

For further information on Linux performance, please refer to the [Performance Tuning Guide for Mellanox Network Adapters](#).

### 4.2 VMware Driver

For VMware, download and install the latest Mellanox OFED Driver for VMware vSphere 5.5 software package available via the Mellanox web site at: <http://www.mellanox.com> => Products => Software => Adapter IB/VPI SW => Download. This chapter describes how to install and test Mellanox OFED Driver for VMware vSphere 5.5 on a single host machine with Mellanox InfiniBand/VPI adapter hardware installed.

#### 4.2.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

**Table 8 - Software and Hardware Requirements**

Requirements	Description
Platforms	A server platform with an adapter card based on one of the following Mellanox Technologies' HCA devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MT27700 ConnectX®-4 (VPI, EN) (firmware: fw-ConnectX4)</li> </ul>
Device ID	For the latest list of device IDs, please visit Mellanox website.
Operating System	ESXi 2015 operating system.
Installer Privileges	The installation requires administrator privileges on the target machine.

#### 4.2.2 Installing Mellanox OFED Driver for VMware vSphere



Please uninstall any previous Mellanox driver packages prior to installing the new version.

➤ ***To install the driver:***

1. Log into the ESXi server with root permissions.
2. Install the driver.

```
#> esxcli software vib install -d <path>/<bundle_file>
```

Example:

```
#> esxcli software vib install -d <path>/MLNX-OFED-ESX-2_3_1_0-10EM-550_0_0_1331820.zip
```

3. Reboot the machine.

#### 4. Verify the driver was installed successfully.

```
# esxcli software vib list|grep Mellanox
net-ib-core          2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-ib-ipoib         2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-ib-mad          2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-ib-sa           2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-mlx-compat      2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-mlx4-core       2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-mlx4-en         2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
net-mlx4-ib         2.3.1.0-10EM.550.0.0.1331820      Mellanox  PartnerSupported 2015-03-02
```



After the installation process, all kernel modules are loaded automatically upon boot.

#### 4.2.3 Removing Mellanox OFED Driver



Please unload the driver before removing it.

➤ ***To remove all the drivers:***

1. Log into the ESXi server with root permissions.
2. List the existing OFED driver modules. (see [Section 4.](#))
3. Remove each module.

```
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-ib-ipoib
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-mlx4-ib
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-ib-sa
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-ib-mad
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-ib-core
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-mlx4-en
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-mlx4-core
#> esxcli software vib remove -n net-mlx-compat
```



To remove the modules, the command must be run in the same order as shown in the example above.

4. Reboot the server.

#### 4.2.4 Loading/Unloading Driver Kernel Modules

➤ ***To unload the driver:***

```
#> /opt/mellanox/bin/openibd.sh stop
```

➤ ***To load the driver:***

```
#> /opt/mellanox/bin/openibd.sh start
```

➤ ***To restart the driver:***

```
#> /opt/mellanox/bin/openibd.sh restart
```

#### 4.2.5 Firmware Programming

1. Download the [bootable binary image](#) (md5sum: e7b3e9357ca4045fabe2e8a95d951343) from the [Mellanox Firmware Tools \(MFT\)](#) site.
2. Install the image according to the steps described in the [README](#) file.



The following procedure requires custom boot image downloading, mounting and booting from a USB device.

## 5 Updating Adapter Card Firmware

Each card is shipped with the latest version of qualified firmware at the time of manufacturing. However, Mellanox issues firmware updates occasionally that provide new features and bug fixes. To check that your card is programmed with the latest available firmware version, download the mlxup firmware update and query utility. The utility can query for available Mellanox adapters and indicate which adapters require a firmware update. If the user confirms, mlxup upgrades the firmware using embedded images. The latest mlxup executable and documentation are available from <http://www.mellanox.com> => Products => Software => Firmware Tools.

### 5.1 Firmware Update Example

```
[server1]# ./mlxup
Querying Mellanox devices firmware ...

Device Type: ConnectX4
Part Number: MCX453A-FCAT
Description: ConnectX®-4 VPI adapter card, FDR IB 40GbE, single-port QSFP28,
PCIe3.0 x8, tall bracket, ROHS R6
PSID: MT_2190110032
PCI Device Name: 0000:06:00.0
Base GUID: e41d2d0300fd8b8a
Versions: Current Available
FW 12.12.1100 12.12.1100

Status: Up to date

Device Type: ConnectX4
Part Number: MCX453A-FCAT
Description: ConnectX®-4 VPI adapter card, FDR IB 40GbE, single-port QSFP28,
PCIe3.0 x8, tall bracket, ROHS R6
PSID: MT_2170110021
PCI Device Name: 0000:07:00.0
Base MAC: 0000e41d2da206d4
Versions: Current Available
FW 12.12.0780 12.12.1100

Status: Update required

Perform FW update? [y/N]: y
Device #1: Up to date
Device #2: Updating FW ... Done

Restart needed for updates to take effect.
Log File: /var/log/mlxup/mlxup-yyyymmdd.log
```

# 6 Troubleshooting

## 6.1 General

<b>Server unable to find the adapter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that the adapter is placed correctly</li><li>• Make sure the adapter slot and the adapter are compatible</li><li>• Install the adapter in a different PCI Express slot</li><li>• Use the drivers that came with the adapter or download the latest</li><li>• Make sure your motherboard has the latest BIOS</li><li>• Try to reboot the server</li></ul>
<b>The adapter no longer works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reseat the adapter in its slot or a different slot, if necessary</li><li>• Try using another cable</li><li>• Reinstall the drivers for the network driver files may be damaged or deleted</li><li>• Reboot the server</li></ul>
<b>Adapters stopped working after installing another adapter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Try removing and re-installing all adapters</li><li>• Check that cables are connected properly</li><li>• Make sure your motherboard has the latest BIOS</li></ul>
<b>Link indicator light is off</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that adapter driver/s is loaded</li><li>• Try another port on the switch</li><li>• Make sure the cable is securely attached</li><li>• Check your are using the proper cables that do not exceed the recommended lengths</li><li>• Verify that your switch and adapter port are compatible</li></ul>
<b>Link light is on, but with no communication established</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check that the latest driver is loaded</li><li>• Check that both the adapter and its link are set to the same speed and duplex settings</li></ul>

## 6.2 Linux

<b>Environment Information</b>	cat/etc/issue uname -a cat/proc/cupinfo   grep 'model name'   uniq ofed_info   head -1 ifconfig -a ethtool <interface> ethtool -i <interface_of_Mellanox_port_num> ibdev2netdev
<b>Card Detection</b>	lspci   grep -i Mellanox
<b>Mellanox Firmware Tool (MFT)</b>	Download and install MFT: <a href="http://www.mellanox.com/content/pages.php?pg=management_tools&amp;menu_section=34">http://www.mellanox.com/content/pages.php?pg=management_tools&amp;menu_section=34</a> Refer to the User Manual for installation instructions.  Once installed, run: mst start mst status flint -d <mst_device> q
<b>Ports Information</b>	ibstat lbv_devinfo
<b>Firmware Version Upgrade</b>	To download the latest firmware version refer to <a href="http://www.mellanox.com/supportdownloader">http://www.mellanox.com/supportdownloader</a>
<b>Collect Log File</b>	/var/log/messages dmesg > system.logF

## 6.3 Windows

<b>Environment Information</b>	From the Windows desktop choose the Start menu and run: msinfo32 To export system information to a text file, choose the Export option from the File menu. Assign a file name and save.
<b>Mellanox Firmware Tool (MFT)</b>	Download and install MFT: <a href="http://www.mellanox.com/content/pages.php?pg=management_tools&amp;menu_section=34">http://www.mellanox.com/content/pages.php?pg=management_tools&amp;menu_section=34</a> Refer to the User Manual for installation instructions.  Once installed, open a CMD window and run: cd C:\Program Files\Mellanox\WinMFT mst start mst status flint -d <mst_device> q
<b>Ports Information</b>	vstat
<b>Firmware Version Upgrade</b>	Download the latest firmware version using the PSID/board ID: <a href="http://www.mellanox.com/supportdownloader/">http://www.mellanox.com/supportdownloader/</a> flint -d <mst_device> -i <firmware_bin_file> b
<b>Collect log file</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Event log viewer</li> <li>MST device logs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mst start</li> <li>mst status</li> <li>C:\Users\Administrator&gt; flint -d &lt;mst_device&gt; dc &gt; dump_configuration.log</li> <li>C:\Users\Administrator&gt; mstdump &lt;mst_device&gt; dc &gt; mst-dump.log</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# 7 Specifications

## 7.1 MCX453A-FCAT Specifications

**Table 9 - MCX453A-FCAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.24 mm) – low profile <b>Connector:</b> Single QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 56Gb/s FDR – InfiniBand Up to 40Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 8 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>: Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 10.42W 40Gb/s – 10.18W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 12.09W 40Gb/s – 11.79W <b>1.5W Active Cables:</b> FDR – 13.76W 40Gb/s – 13.45W
	<b>Maximum power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
	<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.2 MCX454A-FCAT Specifications

**Table 10 - MCX454A-FCAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x 5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.24 mm) – low profile
	<b>Connector:</b> Dual QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 56Gb/s FDR – InfiniBand Up to 40Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 8 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>:</b> <b>Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 12.26W 40Gb/s – 11.86W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 13.98W 40Gb/s – 13.50W <b>1.5W Active Cables:</b> FDR – 17.31W 40Gb/s – 16.83W
	<b>Maximum Power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
	<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.3 MCX455A-FCAT Specifications

**Table 11 - MCX455A-FCAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x 5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.24 mm) – low profile
	<b>Connector:</b> Single QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 56Gb/s FDR – InfiniBand Up to 40Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 16 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>:</b> Passive Cables: FDR – 13.51W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 15.29W <b>1.5W Active Cables:</b> FDR – 16.95W
	<b>Maximum power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
	<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.4 MCX456A-FCAT Specifications

**Table 12 - MCX456A-FCAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x 5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.24 mm) – low profile
	<b>Connector:</b> Dual QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 56Gb/s FDR – InfiniBand Up to 40Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 16 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>:</b> <b>Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 15.36W 40Gb/s – 14.95W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> FDR – 17.17W 40Gb/s – 16.69W <b>1.5W Active Cables:</b> FDR – 20.51W 40Gb/s – 20.02W
	<b>Maximum power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
	<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.5 MCX455A-ECAT Specifications

**Table 13 - MCX455A-ECAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x 5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.25 mm) – low profile
	<b>Connector:</b> Single QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane), EDR (25Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 100GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-KR4, 100GBASE-SR4, 56GBASE-R4, 50GBASE-R2, 50GBASE-R4, 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 100Gb/s EDR – InfiniBand Up to 100Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 16 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>:</b> Passive Cables: 13.91W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> 15.70W <b>3.5W Active Cables:</b> 19.59W
	<b>Maximum power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6	

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.6 MCX456A-ECAT Specifications

**Table 14 - MCX456A-ECAT Specifications Table**

<b>Physical</b>	<b>Size:</b> 2.71 in. x 5.6 in. (68.90mm x 142.24 mm) – low profile
	<b>Connector:</b> Dual QSFP28 InfiniBand (Copper and optical)
<b>Protocol Support</b>	<b>InfiniBand:</b> IBTA v1.3 Auto-Negotiation <sup>a</sup> : 1X/2X/4X SDR (2.5Gb/s per lane), DDR (5Gb/s per lane), QDR (10Gb/s per lane), FDR10 (10.3125Gb/s per lane), FDR (14.0625Gb/s per lane), EDR (25Gb/s per lane) port
	<b>Ethernet:</b> 100GBASE-CR4, 100GBASE-KR4, 100GBASE-SR4, 56GBASE-R4, 50GBASE-R2, 50GBASE-R4, 40GBASE-CR4, 40GBASE-KR4, 40GBASE-SR4, 40GBASE-LR4, 40GBASE-ER4, 40GBASE-R2, 25GBASE-R, 20GBASE-KR2, 1000BASE-CX, 1000BASE-KX, 10GBASE-SR, 10GBASE-LR, 10GBASE-ER, 10GBASE-CX4, 10GBASE-KX4, 10GBASE-CR, 10GBASE-KR, SGMII
	<b>Data Rate:</b> Up to 100Gb/s EDR – InfiniBand Up to 100Gb/s – Ethernet
	<b>PCI Express Gen3:</b> SERDES @ 8.0GT/s, 16 lanes (2.0 and 1.1 compatible)
<b>Power and Environmental</b>	<b>Voltage:</b> 12V, 3.3V
	<b>Typical Power<sup>b</sup>:</b> Passive Cables: 16.12W
	<b>Maximum Power: Passive Cables:</b> 18.04W <b>3.5W Active Cables:</b> 24.80W
	<b>Maximum power available through QSFP28 port:</b> 3.5W
	<b>Temperature:</b> Operational 0°C to 55°C Non-operational -40°C to 70°C
	<b>Humidity:</b> 90% relative humidity <sup>c</sup>
<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Air Flow:</b> See <a href="#">Airflow Specifications on page 47</a>
	<b>Safety:</b> CB / cTUVus / CE
	<b>EMC:</b> CE / FCC / VCCI / ICES / RCM
<b>RoHS:</b> RoHS-R6	

- a. The ConnectX-4 adapters supplement the IBTA auto-negotiation specification to get better bit error rates and longer cable reaches. This supplemental feature only initiates when connected to another Mellanox InfiniBand product.
- b. Typical power for ATIS traffic load.
- c. For both operational and non-operational states.

## 7.7 Airflow Specifications

Air Flow (LFM) <sup>a</sup>						
Air Flow Direction		Heat Sink to Port			Port to Heat Sink	
Cable Type	Passive	Active 1.5W	Active 3.5W	Passive	Active 1.5W	Active 3.5W
<b>MCX453A-FCAT</b>	400	450	—	400	400	—
<b>MCX454A-FCAT</b>	400	450	—	400	400	—
<b>MCX455A-FCAT</b>	400	450	—	400	400	—
<b>MCX456A-FCAT</b>	400	500	—	400	400	—
<b>MCX455A-ECAT</b>	400	—	700	400	—	600
<b>MCX456A-ECAT</b>	400	—	800	400	—	600

a. Cells marked with (—) are not applicable

## 7.8 Adapter LED Operation

There is a one bi-color I/O LED per port. See [Table 15](#).

**Table 15 - Physical and Logical Link Indications**

LED	Function
Yellow - physical link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constant on indicates a good physical link</li> <li>Blinking indicates a problem with the physical link</li> <li>If neither LED is lit, then the physical link has not been established</li> </ul>
Green - logical (data activity) link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A constant green indicates a valid logical (data activity) link without data transfer.</li> <li>A blinking green indicates a valid logical link with data transfer</li> <li>If only the green LED is lit and the yellow LED is off, then the logical link has not been established</li> </ul>

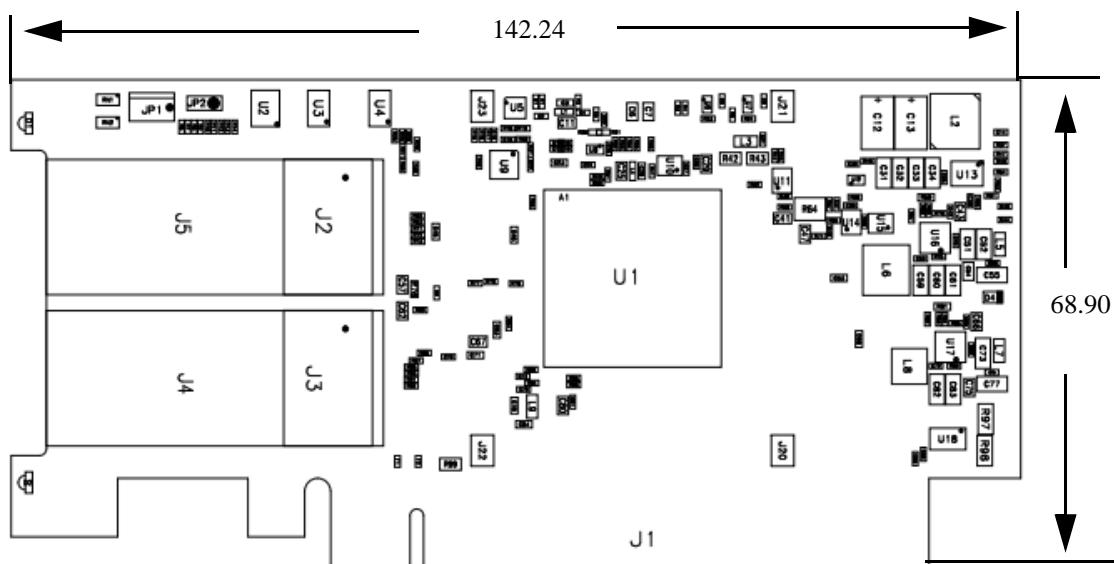
## 7.9 Board Mechanical Drawing and Dimensions



All dimensions are in millimeters.

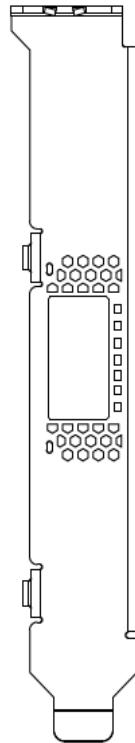
All the mechanical tolerances are +/- 0.1mm.

**Figure 2: Mechanical Drawing of the Dual-port MCX456A-[E/F]CAT Adapter Card**

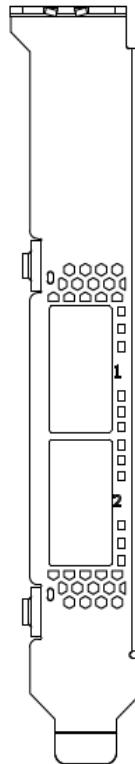


## 7.10 Bracket Mechanical Drawing

*Figure 3: Single-port Bracket*



*Figure 4: Dual-port Bracket*



## Appendix A: Interface Connectors Pinout

### A.1 QSFP28 Connector Pinout

Figure 5: Connector and Cage Views

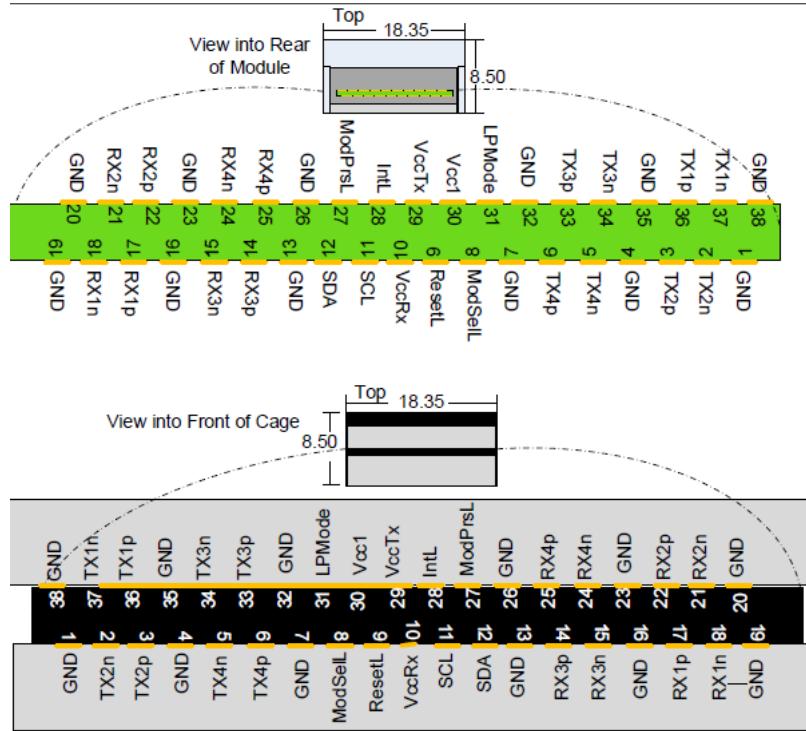


Table 16 - Connector Pin Number and Name to Signal Name Map

Connector Pin Number	Connector Pin Name	Port A Signal Name
1	GND	GND
2	TXN_2	Tx2n
3	TXP_2	Tx2p
4	GND	GND
5	TXN_4	Tx4n
6	TXP_4	Tx4p
7	GND	GND
8	ModSelL	ModSelL
9	ResetL	ResetL
10	VccRx	VccRx
11	SCL	SCL
12	SDA	SDA
13	GND	GND
14	RXP_3	Rx3p
15	RXN_3	Rx3n
16	GND	GND
17	RXP_1	Rx1p
18	RXN_1	Rx1n
19	GND	GND
20	GND	GND
21	RXP_2	Rx2p
22	RXN_2	Rx2n
23	GND	GND
24	RXP_4	Rx4p
25	RXN_4	Rx4n
26	GND	GND
27	ModPsel	ModPsel
28	IntL	IntL
29	VccTx	VccTx
30	GND	GND
31	LPMode	LPMode
32	GND	GND
33	TX3n	Tx3n
34	GND	GND
35	TX3p	Tx3p
36	GND	GND
37	TX1n	Tx1n
38	GND	GND

**Table 16 - Connector Pin Number and Name to Signal Name Map**

Connector Pin Number	Connector Pin Name	Port A Signal Name
16	GND	GND
17	RXP_1	Rx1p
18	RXN_1	Rx1n
19	GND	GND
20	GND	GND
21	RXN_2	Rx2n
22	RXP_2	Rx2p
23	GND	GND
24	RXN_4	Rx4n
25	RXP_4	Rx4p
26	GND	GND
27	ModPrsL_Port0	Mod PrsL
28	IntL	IntL
29		VccTx
30		Vcc1
31	LPMode_Port0	LPMode
32	GND	GND
33	TXP_3	Tx3p
34	TXN_3	Tx3n
35	GND	GND
36	TXP_1	Tx1p
37	TXN_1	Tx1n
38	GND	GND

## A.2 PCI Express x8 or x16 Connector Pinout

The adapter cards use a standard PCI Express x8 or x16 edge connector and the PCI Express x8 or x16 standard pinout according to the PCI Express 3.0 specification.

**Figure 6: PCIe x8 Connector Pinout**

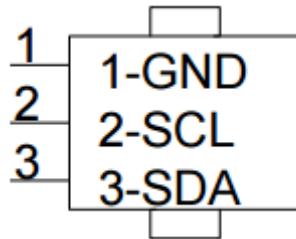
J1		
61	P12V_AUX-1	MEZZ_PRSNTA1_N/BASEBOARD_A_ID
62	P12V_AUX-2	P5V_AUX-1
63	P12V_AUX-3	P5V_AUX-2
64	GND-26	P5V_AUX-3
65	GND-27	GND-1
66	P3V3_AUX-2	GND-2
67	GND-28	P3V3_AUX-1
68	GND-29	GND-3
69	P3V3-5	GND-4
70	P3V3-6	P3V3-1
71	P3V3-7	P3V3-2
72	P3V3-8	P3V3-3
73	GND-30	P3V3-4
74	LAN_3V3STB_ALERT_N	14
75	SMB_LAN_3V3STB_CLK	NCSI_RCSDV
76	SMB_LAN_3V3STB_DAT	NCSI_RCLK
77	PCIE_WAKE_N	NCSI_TXEN
78	NCSI_RXER	PERST_NO
79	GND-31	MEZZ_SCLK
80	NCSI_TXD0	MEZZ_SMDATA
81	NCSI_TXD1	GND-5
82	GND-32	NCSI_RXD0
83	GND-33	NCSI_RXD1
84	CLK_100M_MEZZ1_DP	GND-7
85	CLK_100M_MEZZ1_DN	GND-8
86	GND-34	CLK_100M_MEZZ2_DP
87	GND-35	CLK_100M_MEZZ2_DN
88	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[0]	GND-9
89	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[0]	GND-10
90	GND-36	MEZZ_RX_DP[0]
91	GND-37	MEZZ_RX_DN[0]
92	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[1]	GND-11
93	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[1]	GND-12
94	GND-38	MEZZ_RX_DP[1]
95	GND-39	MEZZ_RX_DN[1]
96	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[2]	GND-13
97	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[2]	GND-14
98	GND-40	MEZZ_RX_DP[2]
99	GND-41	MEZZ_RX_DN[2]
100	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[3]	GND-15
101	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[3]	GND-16
102	GND-42	MEZZ_RX_DP[3]
103	GND-43	MEZZ_RX_DN[3]
104	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[4]	GND-17
105	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[4]	GND-18
106	GND-44	MEZZ_RX_DP[4]
107	GND-45	MEZZ_RX_DN[4]
108	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[5]	GND-19
109	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[5]	GND-20
110	GND-46	MEZZ_RX_DP[5]
111	GND-47	MEZZ_RX_DN[5]
112	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[6]	GND-21
113	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[6]	GND-22
114	GND-48	MEZZ_RX_DP[6]
115	GND-49	MEZZ_RX_DN[6]
116	MEZZ_TX_DP_C[7]	GND-23
117	MEZZ_TX_DN_C[7]	GND-24
118	GND-50	MEZZ_RX_DP[7]
119	GND-51	MEZZ_RX_DN[7]
120	MEZZ_PRSNTA2_N	GND-25

**Figure 7: PCIe x16 Connector Pinout**

A1	PRSENT1#	+12V-5	B1
A2	+12V-3	+12V-1	B2
A3	+12V-4	+12V-2	B3
A4	GND-44	GND-49	B4
A5	TCK	SMCLK	B5
A6	TDI	SMDAT	B6
A7	TDO	GND-21	B7
A8	TMS	+3.3V-3	B8
A9	+3.3V-1	TRST#	B9
A10	+3.3V-2	3.3Vaux	B10
A11	PERST#	WAKE#/OBFF	B11
A12	GND-52	RSVD-3	B12
A13	REFCLK+	GND-4	B13
A14	REFCLK-	PETp0	B14
A15	GND-55	PETn0	B15
A16	PERp0	GND-7	B16
A17	PERn0	B17- NC-PRSENT2#	
A18	GND-58	GND-9	B18
A19	RSVD-7	PETp1	B19
A20	GND-60	PETp1	B20
A21	PERp1	GND-12	B21
A22	PERn1	GND-13	B22
A23	GND-63	PETp2	B23
A24	GND-64	PETn2	B24
A25	PERp2	GND-16	B25
A26	PERn2	GND-17	B26
A27	GND-67	PETp3	B27
A28	GND-66	PETn3	B28
A29	PERp3	GND-20	B29
A30	PERn3	RSVD-6	B30
A31	GND-65	B31-NC-PRSENT2#	
A32	RSVD-2	GND-23	B32
A33	RSVD-1	PETp4	B33
A34	GND-62	PETn4	B34
A35	PERp4	GND-26	B35
A36	PERn4	GND-27	B36
A37	GND-61	PETp5	B37
A38	GND-59	PETn5	B38
A39	PERp5	GND-30	B39
A40	PERn5	GND-31	B40
A41	GND-57	PETp6	B41
A42	GND-56	PETn6	B42
A43	PERp6	GND-34	B43
A44	PERn6	GND-35	B44
A45	GND-54	PETp7	B45
A46	GND-53	PETn7	B46
A47	PERp7	GND-38	B47
A48	PERn7	B48-NC-PRSENT2#	
A49	GND-51	GND-40	B49
A50	RSVD-5	PETp8	B50
A51	GND-48	PETn8	B51
A52	PERp8	GND-50	B52
A53	PERn8	GND-19	B53
A54	GND-47	PETp9	B54
A55	GND-46	PETn9	B55
A56	PERp9	GND-18	B56
A57	PERn9	GND-15	B57
A58	GND-45	PETp10	B58
A59	GND-41	PETn10	B59
A60	PERp10	GND-14	B60
A61	PERn10	GND-11	B61
A62	GND-39	PETp11	B62
A63	GND-37	PETn11	B63
A64	PERp11	GND-10	B64
A65	PERn11	GND-8	B65
A66	GND-36	PETp12	B66
A67	GND-33	PETn12	B67
A68	PERp12	GND-6	B68
A69	PERn12	GND-5	B69
A70	GND-32	PETp13	B70
A71	GND-29	PETn13	B71
A72	PERp13	GND-3	B72
A73	PERn13	GND-2	B73
A74	GND-28	PETp14	B74
A75	GND-25	PETn14	B75
A76	PERp14	GND-1	B76
A77	PERn14	GND-42	B77
A78	GND-24	PETp15	B78
A79	GND-22	PETn15	B79
A80	PERp15	GND-43	B80
A81	PERn15	RSVD-4	B81
A82	GND-68	PRSENT2#-3	

### A.3 I<sup>2</sup>C-compatible Connector Pinout

**Figure 8: Compatible Connector Plug and Pinout**



Connector Pin Number	Signal Name
1	GND
2	SCL
3	SDA

## Appendix B: Finding the GUID/MAC and Serial Number on the Adapter Card

Each Mellanox adapter card has a different identifier printed on the label: serial number and the card MAC for the Ethernet protocol and the card GUID for the InfiniBand protocol. VPI cards have both a GUID and a MAC (derived from the GUID).

*Figure 9: MCX453A-FCAT Board Label*



*Figure 10: MCX454A-FCAT Board Label*



*Figure 11: MCX455A-FCAT Board Label*



*Figure 12: MCX456A-FCAT Board Label**Figure 13: MCX455A-ECAT Board Label**Figure 14: MCX456A-ECAT Board Label*

# Appendix C: Safety Warnings

## 1. Installation Instructions



Read all installation instructions before connecting the equipment to the power source.

## 2. Over-temperature



This equipment should not be operated in an area with an ambient temperature exceeding the maximum recommended: 55°C (131°F).

To guarantee proper air flow, allow at least 8cm (3 inches) of clearance around the ventilation openings.

## 3. During Lightning - Electrical Hazard



During periods of lightning activity, do not work on the equipment or connect or disconnect cables.

## 4. Copper Cable Connecting/Disconnecting



Some copper cables are heavy and not flexible, as such they should be carefully attached to or detached from the connectors. Refer to the cable manufacturer for special warnings and instructions.

## 5. Equipment Installation



This equipment should be installed, replaced, or serviced only by trained and qualified personnel.

## 6. Equipment Disposal



Disposal of this equipment should be in accordance to all national laws and regulations.

## 7. Local and National Electrical Codes



This equipment should be installed in compliance with local and national electrical codes.

## 8. Hazardous Radiation Exposure



Caution – Use of controls or adjustment or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.



CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT and reference to the most recent laser standards:  
IEC 60 825-1:1993 + A1:1997 + A2:2001 and EN 60825-1:1994+A1:1996+  
A2:20.

## Appendix D: Avertissements de sécurité d'installation (Warnings in French)

### 1. Instructions d'installation



Lisez toutes les instructions d'installation avant de brancher le matériel à la source d'alimentation électrique.

### 2. Température excessive



Ce matériel ne doit pas fonctionner dans une zone avec une température ambiante dépassant le maximum recommandé de 55°C (131°F). Un flux d'air de 200LFM à cette température ambiante maximale est nécessaire. En outre, pour garantir un bon écoulement de l'air, laissez au moins 8 cm (3 pouces) d'espace libre autour des ouvertures de ventilation.

### 3. Orages – dangers électriques



Pendant un orage, il ne faut pas utiliser le matériel et il ne faut pas brancher ou débrancher les câbles.

### 4. Branchement/débranchement des câbles en cuivre



Les câbles en cuivre sont lourds et ne sont pas flexibles, il faut donc faire très attention en les branchant et en les débranchant des connecteurs. Consultez le fabricant des câbles pour connaître les mises en garde et les instructions spéciales.

### 5. Installation du matériel



Ce matériel ne doit être installé, remplacé ou entretenu que par du personnel formé et qualifié.

### 6. Elimination du matériel



L'élimination de ce matériel doit s'effectuer dans le respect de toutes les législations et réglementations nationales en vigueur.

### 7. Codes électriques locaux et nationaux



Ce matériel doit être installé dans le respect des codes électriques locaux et nationaux.

## 8. Exposition au rayonnement grave



Mise en garde – l'utilisation de commandes ou de réglages ou l'exécution de procédures autres que ce qui est spécifié dans les présentes peut engendrer une exposition au rayonnement grave.



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## Appendix E: Sicherheitshinweise (Warnings in German)

### 1. Installationsanleitungen



Lesen Sie alle Installationsanleitungen, bevor Sie das Gerät an die Stromversorgung anschließen.

### 2. Übertemperatur



Dieses Gerät sollte nicht in einem Bereich mit einer Umgebungstemperatur über der maximal empfohlenen Temperatur von 55°C (131°F) betrieben werden. Es ist ein Luftstrom von 200 LFM bei maximaler Umgebungstemperatur erforderlich. Außerdem sollten mindestens 8 cm (3 in.) Freiraum um die Belüftungsöffnungen sein, um einen einwandfreien Luftstrom zu gewährleisten.

### 3. Bei Gewitter - Elektrische Gefahr



Arbeiten Sie während eines Gewitters und Blitzschlag nicht am Gerät, schließen Sie keine Kabel an oder ab.

### 4. Anschließen/Trennen von -Kupferkabel



Kupferkabel sind schwer und nicht flexible. Deshalb müssen sie vorsichtig an die Anschlüsse angebracht bzw. davon getrennt werden. Lesen Sie die speziellen Warnungen und Anleitungen des Kabelherstellers.

### 5. Geräteinstallation



Diese Gerät sollte nur von geschultem und qualifiziertem Personal installiert, ausgetauscht oder gewartet werden.

### 6. Geräteentsorgung



Die Entsorgung dieses Geräts sollte unter Beachtung aller nationalen Gesetze Bestimmungen erfolgen.

### 7. Regionale und nationale elektrische Bestimmungen



Dieses Gerät sollte unter Beachtung der regionalen und nationalen elektrischen Bestimmungen installiert werden.



This equipment should be installed in compliance with local and national electrical codes.

## 8. Strahlenkontakt



Achtung – Nutzung von Steuerungen oder Einstellungen oder Ausführung von Prozeduren, die hier nicht spezifiziert sind, kann zu gefährlichem Strahlenkontakt führen..



Klasse 1 Laserprodukt und Referenzen zu den aktuellsten Laserstandards : ICE 60 825-1:1993 + A1:1997 + A2:2001 und EN 60825-1:1994+A1:1996+A2:2001

## Appendix F: Advertencias de seguridad para la instalación (Warnings in Spanish)

### 1. Instrucciones de instalación



Antes de conectar el equipo a la fuente de alimentación, leer todas las instrucciones de instalación.

### 2. Sobrecalentamiento



No se debe utilizar el equipo en un área con una temperatura ambiente superior a la máxima recomendada: 55°C(131°F). Además, para garantizar una circulación de aire adecuada, se debe dejar como mínimo un espacio de 8 cm (3 pulgadas) alrededor de las aberturas de ventilación.

### 3. Cuando hay rayos: peligro de descarga eléctrica



No utilizar el equipo ni conectar o desconectar cables durante períodos de actividad de rayos.

### 4. Conexión y desconexión del cable Copper



Dado que los cables de cobre son pesados y no son flexibles, su conexión a los conectores y su desconexión se deben efectuar con mucho cuidado. Para ver advertencias o instrucciones especiales, consultar al fabricante del cable.

### 5. Instalación de equipos



La instalación, el reemplazo y el mantenimiento de este equipo estarán a cargo únicamente de personal capacitado y competente.

### 6. Eliminación de equipos



La eliminación definitiva de este equipo se debe efectuar conforme a todas las leyes y reglamentaciones nacionales.

### 7. Códigos eléctricos locales y nacionales



Este equipo se debe instalar conforme a los códigos eléctricos locales y nacionales.

### 8. Exposición a niveles de radiación peligrosos



Precaución: el uso de controles o ajustes o la realización de procedimientos distintos de los que aquí se especifican podrían causar exposición a niveles de radiación peligrosos.



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